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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cloudy, windy, rainy.

Forecast	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Temperature	Min-Max	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	20	9-13	9
Golan	32	6-12	8
Nahariya	45	10-18	14
Safed	71	5-10	7
Haifa Port	47	6-12	14
Tiberias	47	6-12	15
Nazareth	33	7-18	12
Afula	39	2-18	12
Shomron	34	2-14	10
Tel Aviv	20	9-13	15
B-G Airport	28	9-13	15
Jericho	40	6-19	17
Gaza	37	9-19	17
Beerseba	28	6-17	15
Eilat	32	9-23	20
Tiran Straits	20	12-23	21

## Social and Personal

The British Ambassador, John C. Mason, yesterday called on Amos Eran, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Edward Weitz, the weightlifter, who achieved Israel's best-ever placing in the Olympic Games (at Montreal), is to receive the Dov Hoz Prize for sports and aviation awarded by the Tel Aviv Municipality. The ceremony will take place on February 2.

A mother's club and day creche named for World WIZO president Raya Jaglom was dedicated in the French Hill quarter of Jerusalem yesterday. The creche, which cost over IL2m, has room for 70 children aged three to five. WIZO will open a new kindergarten in Kiryat Yovel next week. Other kindergartens are now under construction in the new Jerusalem quarters of Gilo and Neve Ya'acov.

A business meeting will be held by the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today, at the YMCA.

The head of the Haifa University Social Work School, Shlomo A. Sharlin, will speak on "Social Problems in Development Towns," at the Haifa Rotary Club, Shulamit Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Rotary Club Givatayim is awarding scholarships to Beit Dagan youth in presence of Education Minister Aharon Yadin, Shlomo Grofman, Governor of Rotary District No. 199, Israel, and Zvi Kaplan, president of the Givatayim Rotary Club at 9 p.m. tonight, at the Beit Dagan Youth Club.

The first of a three-lecture series (in English) on "Judaism on Secularity" by Prof. R. Q. Wertheimer of The Hebrew University will be delivered on Thursday night, January 20, at the ZOIA House in Tel Aviv. The series is conducted by the Institute of Israel Studies of the ZOIA House.

**BIRTH**  
VAN BUREN. — To Ilana and Baruch van Buren, Netanya, a daughter, Silvan.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
A memorial meeting was held in Safed yesterday to mark the first anniversary of the death of Hanna Eisenberg, who drowned while on the way to aid soldiers on the Golan. The Soldiers Welfare Association, of which she was a member, named a soldiers' club on the Golan and planted 120 trees in her memory.

## ARRIVALS

Eva Natch, president of the Pioneer Women of Canada, for a world executive plans committee meeting of the Pioneer Women of Canada.

Dr. Lisette Levi, president of the Brazilian Art Critics of Sao Paulo.

## U.S. warship to call at Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A warship of the U.S. Sixth Fleet will be coming to Haifa for a four-day "routine visit" next week.

The guided missile frigate, USS Richard L. Page, is due to arrive on Monday morning. She is manned by 20 officers and 240 enlisted men. During their stay they will exchange visits with the Israeli Navy and take part in a programme of sightseeing, sports and entertainment, according to a U.S. Embassy source.

## National Religious Women's Organization

announces with great sorrow the sudden passing of

## CHANNA PRESSMAN

formerly of Montreal

one of the veterans of our Canadian sister organization, who devoted her life to our cause.

We extend condolences to the bereaved family

## LOUIS DEUTSCH

on January 17, 1977 (Tevet 27, 5737).

Shiva will be observed at 3 Rehov Sitkov, Rehovot.

Wife — Caroline, Rehovot

Children — Marcel and Sheldon Merel, Toronto

Grandchildren — Joshua, Daniel and Judy Merel, Toronto

The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

The Department of Philosophy

offers deepest sympathy to

Dr. Yehudah Gellman and family

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## FATHER

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# Police sergeant fired despite acquittal

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# Oldest Hebrew written left to right: probably copied from Canaanites

**By SHOSHANA LESSER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — An ancient Hebrew script, believed to be the oldest ever discovered, was written from left to right, archaeologists from Tel Aviv and Bar-Ilan Universities said yesterday.

The script was engraved on two fragments of a clay tablet, which were found last August at the bottom of a silo on Tzfat Street, east of Tel Aviv.

It is believed that the script is a hundred years older than the famous Gezer calendar of the late 10th century BCE.

The script of 80 letters, arranged in five lines, includes an entire line of the Hebrew alphabet similar to the modern one. The archaeologists who deciphered the bottom line believe that the script was part of an exercise written by someone learning to be a scribe.

The student, the archaeologists believe, probably wrote the alphabet at the bottom of the tablet so that he could copy the letters. Strengthening this belief is the fact that the word "et" appears in three lines in exactly the same position.

Unlike the modern alphabet, the ancient order of the letters had no coming after *het* and *ayin* after *peh*. The letter *mem* is missing, but there appears to be a space for it.

The deciphering was done by Aharon Demsky, Moshe Kochavi and Yosef Naveh. Demsky said the letters were in an order found in some biblical alphabet poems, such as those in Lamentations, Chapter 2.

This new discovery has led scholars to believe that the ancient Israelites probably copied their alphabet from the Canaanites and not from the Phoenicians, as previously believed.

The tablet was discovered at the site of an ancient farming settlement of the 12th century BCE. The archaeological team was led by Kochavi, head of the archaeology department at Tel Aviv University, and Moshe Garsiel, director of Land of Israel Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

The site of the discovery also is significant, they said, because it showed that literacy had reached rural districts as early as the days of the later Judges.

The ancient settlement has been identified with Even Ha'Ezer, mentioned in Chapter 4 of Samuel I. Ancient Israelites had gathered here to face a Philistine attack launched from Oref. The Israelites were defeated, Samuel's two sons killed, and the Holy Ark of Shilo was captured by the enemy.

Garsiel said that discovery of the "Jewish settlement" is proof of the attempts of the sons of Ephraim to settle on the west slope of Har Shimon, opposite the northern part of the land held by the Philistines.

Archaeologists had difficulty deciphering the tablet because the letters were lightly engraved. David Owen, an American Assyriologist, used an ammonia solution to make the letters clearer.

# Wild rumours about oil spread by speculators

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
TEL AVIV. — A highly placed oil company executive last night accused speculators of spreading wild rumours about the prospects of imminent oil discoveries in the Sinai Peninsula.

"The reports I have read were gross exaggerations, totally unjustified, which could do more harm than good," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The executive suggested that the rumours might have been spread in order to generate some action on the stock market and making a killing for themselves.

He said the trace of oil found on Sunday at the A-Tur II site had no greater significance than similar oil traces discovered in different parts of the country during earlier drilling probes.

Most of these wells did not have enough oil to make them commercially profitable, he said.

The executive also ridiculed yesterday's reports of massive quantities of oil-drilling equipment being moved south.

Commenting on recent developments at Ashdod, he said that during the drilling of the Ashdod II borehole the rig crews had encountered two gas-bearing strata at 350 and 425 metres. Both these layers were earmarked for re-exploration at a later date.

One of the prospecting companies will shortly conduct a series of shallow drilling operations in the area in an attempt to pinpoint significant gas veins. If any are to be found in the immediate vicinity.

Oil drilling operations in the Ashdod area will also be resumed in the near future, as soon as the experts agree on what is the most promising of a number of potential sites, *The Jerusalem Post* learned.

# Three burglars suspected are independent

**Jerusalem Post**  
The Jerusalem police arrested three young East Jerusalemers who were suspected of being involved in a string of burglaries in the city.

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# Arab students protest campus 'discrimination'

**By LEAH LEVAVI**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — About 300 Arab and Jewish students demonstrated on the Tel Aviv University campus yesterday to protest the alleged refusal of the university to let them use facilities for cultural events.

The secretary of the Arab Students Association, Sami-Din Wntat, claimed the university was limiting Arab students' freedom of expression.

"It's the first step toward carrying out the Koenig programme," he added.

(The reference was to the controversial memorandum of Interior Ministry representative Yisrael Koenig on limiting Arab influence.)

A Jewish student representing "Campus Tel Aviv," an organization for Jewish-Arab fellowship, called for equal rights for Arab students.

"If Jewish students abroad were denied the use of a university hall, all the Jews would scream anti-Semitism," an Arab speaker complained.

"And what about the Jews at the University of Damascus?" someone from the audience shouted.

A university spokesman said that Arab students were entitled to all campus facilities, but that they had abused their rights last year when they were given a hall for a cultural evening. They damaged property, left the place filthy, charged high prices and spoke against the state and its institutions, the spokesman said.

"We know that this demonstration was planned by the National Committee of Arab Students and has a political purpose which bears no relation to the situation of Arab students at Tel Aviv University," the spokesman added.

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THE COLLAPSED Granville Bridge lies on top of a train which was speeding into Sydney yesterday. An estimated 90 persons died in the disaster. (AP radiophoto)

## 90 killed as Australian road-rail bridge collapses

SYDNEY. — Exhausted rescue teams were last night hacking their way through the twisted, blood-soaked wreckage of a Sydney commuter train which left the rails and slammed into a bridge killing an estimated 90 people.

The crash yesterday, Australia's worst rail tragedy, injured 80 others. Banks of high-powered lights bathed a scene of carnage along the rail tracks of suburban Granville 24 km. west of Sydney.

The packed commuter express rumbled into a bridge support bringing down the concrete overhead roadway onto its 40-year-old wooden carriages.

More than 12 hours after the crash

police could give no final death toll. They reported 21 confirmed deaths but said it was likely 80 to 90 more bodies remained in a pancaked carriage crushed to a quarter of its bulk by a huge slab of concrete.

Medical and surgical teams, firemen, rail rescue squads and police saved the lives of a score or more of critically injured passengers. Surgeons amputated limbs at the scene. But many victims died trapped in the ripped and splintered carriages buried beneath the rubble.

As the bridge fell, at least three cars on the roadway overhead slowly toppled on to the train with the concrete and steel. (Reuters)

## 44 known dead in U.S. capsizal

BARCELONA. — Divers yesterday pulled 20 more bodies from the waters of Barcelona Harbour, raising the known death toll to 44 in the capsizing of a U.S. navy launch filled with American sailors and marines.

The search by Spanish frogmen and a U.S. Navy demolition team for six servicemen still missing was stopped at sunset, to be resumed today. Navy officials said the divers were hampered by cold and the murkiness of the water. (AP)

## A-bomb pioneer's daughter found hanged

CRUZ BAY, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. — Katherine Oppenheimer, 32-year-old daughter of the man known as the "father of the atom bomb," was found dead, hanging by her neck at her home here late Sunday, police have revealed.

Miss Oppenheimer's father, Julius Robert Oppenheimer, was one of the leading scientists who developed

America's first nuclear bomb at the end of World War II. Oppenheimer's later opposition to American nuclear policy made him a controversial figure. He died in 1967.

A police spokesman said Miss Oppenheimer was divorced three months ago from her second husband, Danny Silber, an organist in a Virgin Islands band. (AP)

## Show trials feared as Prague admits arrest of freedom-seekers

By MICHAEL GETTLER  
THE WASHINGTON POST

PRAGUE. — The widening crackdown here against human rights activists took a new and important turn on Monday night with the first official acknowledgment by Czechoslovak authorities that four prominent leaders of the movement for greater individual freedom had been arrested.

This four men — including a well-known playwright, a journalist and two theatre directors — were all charged with "serious crimes against the basic principles of the Republic."

The official acknowledgment by the Czech news agency that these men had been arrested, suggests that the 11-day-old crackdown here against dissidents and supporters of a new civil rights manifesto may be leading the government to its first round of major political trials since the purge that followed the fall of the liberal communist regime of Alexander Dubcek in 1968 after a Soviet-led invasion of this country.

Three of the arrested men are signatories of the so-called "Charter 77," which was slipped out of Czechoslovakia and published in several Western newspapers earlier this month.

The charter, signed by more than 250 persons, basically alleges that Czech citizens are deprived of individual freedoms that are contained in Czech law and of human rights guaranteed by the 1975 Helsinki agreement signed by 35 European nations, including Czechoslovakia.

At the same time as the government moved against Charter 77, other letters by another pair of prominent Czech human rights campaigners were also made available to Western newsmen.

Both contained emotional appeals to Western Communist parties and other socialist forces to force an end to what the writers view as a "witch-hunt" by Czech Communist authorities against the civil liberties movement.

### LIBERAL SOCIALISM

Former Communist Party secretary Zdenek Mlynar, a persistent exponent of a more liberal form of socialism, wrote that other democratic and socialist forces in Europe must decide whether they will allow "supporters of internationally accepted peace on human and civil rights in Czechoslovakia to be brutally suppressed for the second time in a decade."

Pavel Kohout, a Czech playwright who currently has a play running on Broadway that has not been seen produced, claimed the new Witch-hunt here undermines "not only the future of socialism but also efforts in favour of a real détente in Europe."

The four men who have now been arrested include playwright Vaclav Havel, one of the main spokesmen for Charter 77 who had not been seen since Friday night. Havel was a strong supporter of Dubcek and a constant critic of the more hardline communist regimes that followed his downfall.

Journalist Jiri Lederer and writer-director Frantisek Pavlicek were also active in the more liberal brand of

## Kreisky says he'll help dissidents

VIENNA. — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said yesterday that he intends to do "a number of things" to help Czech dissidents.

"One must not remain silent, and a letter alone will certainly not suffice," he said.

Kreisky talked to newsmen after reports from Prague that Zdenek Mlynar, a prominent one-time supporter of liberal Czech leader Alexander Dubcek, had appealed to the Austrian chancellor to help the dissidents.

Mlynar, according to the report, directed the same appeal to Western Communist parties. Czechoslovak newspapers yesterday stepped up their campaign against dissidents, following the official announcement that four prominent intellectuals will stand trial accused of anti-state activities.

Addressing itself to the signatories of a democratic manifesto, the "Charter 77," the Communist Party newspaper "Rude Pravo" said "Bankrupt individuals have excluded themselves from our socialist society, which so far allowed them to live freely in spite of their offences."

"Socialist society will not tolerate vermin," the paper said.



Alexander Dubcek in September, 1968, before the Soviets crushed his liberal Communist regime.

communism here nine years ago. The fourth man arrested, Ota Ornest, was director of three Prague theatres in the 1960s era. He is the only one of the four who is not believed to have signed the manifesto, which suggests to some observers here that the government is not limiting its crackdown to just signatories. Until Monday night's reports by the Czech agency, news that perhaps a dozen or so dissidents had been detained for police questioning and held in custody for varying periods came only through conversations with some newsmen here or via telephone or through relatives. Many phones have now been removed.

In recent days, however, the government has increasingly made its attacks on the dissidents public, with slashing editorials in the Czech papers and alleged statements of condemnation against the dissidents from thousands of workers.

The dissidents are generally portrayed as servants of the West, well-paid and privileged intellectuals or former officials who have either turned their back on the Czech brand of socialism or whose writings are not reflective of Czech culture. The charges against the four men are very serious and come under a special section of the penal code that deals with subversion and anti-state activities and carries penalties that range from two to 15 years and even death in some cases.

The only name actually mentioned in the report was Ornest. The others were alluded to with initials that sources here said left no doubt who they were.

The report charges the four with "prolonged contacts with foreign hostile forces and emigre centres" and says that they passed on material harmful to Czech interests that was misused in foreign media and was then secretly smuggled back into Czechoslovakia.

The report claims that for these activities "the arrested individuals even used employees of some diplomatic missions of capitalist states."

### PHYSICAL THREAT

The increasingly harsh conflict here between the dissidents and the government poses a physical threat to the critics and a dilemma for the ruling government of Gustav Husak.

While the government seems clearly willing to take stern measures despite some embarrassing news accounts in Western media, the increasingly overt government activities are having the effect of making far more people here aware of the human rights campaign.

Czech sources say that when it was first published in the West, and for several days thereafter, virtually no Czechs except the intellectuals knew about Charter 77. Then, as attacks increased, politically sensitive people here became more aware of the Charter's fundamentals. Still, the charter itself, though alluded to now daily in government editorial attacks, has never been printed here.

Thus, as one Czech points out, "we are being asked to denounce as mass something that we have never read."

## Brezhnev asks top priority for new Salt agreement

MOSCOW. — Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev yesterday called on the incoming Carter administration to give top priority to a new agreement on limiting nuclear weapons.

Brezhnev said any suggestions that the Soviet Union is building up its armed strength to make a first nuclear strike against the West were "absurd and totally unfounded." He scoffed at any allegations of a Soviet threat to peace.

The 70-year-old Soviet leader was speaking at Tula, 160 kms. south of Moscow, during ceremonies honouring the city's role in World War II. "We are prepared jointly with the new administration in the U.S. to accomplish a new major advance in relations between our countries," he said. "First, we are convinced, it is necessary to complete in the nearest future the drafting of the agreement on limiting strategic armaments on the basis that we reached in Vladivostok."

Negotiations on a new Salt (Strategic Arms Limitation) Pact have been going on sporadically since the Brezhnev-President Ford summit in the far eastern city, but agreement has been snagged on what weapons to include.

The present interim Salt agreement runs out next October. After a new agreement, Brezhnev said, "We could immediately pass on to talks

on more far-reaching measures. Brezhnev said he is prepared to prevent "more reliable" proliferation of nuclear weapons to reach agreement on reducing forces in Central Europe. He said discussions could take place "at a level and at any venue."

Washington, Moscow — Brezhnev picked up on themes in the Soviet press aiming Western analysts who warn of a Soviet military strength. "We are more specific, he aimed at Western intelligence agencies and headquarters and various (that) compose thick reports, treaties in which they arbitrate the Soviet Union's policy. The measures taken by strengthen its defence capabilities. One of the arguments is that the Soviet Union is building up its defence structure so as not to make a "first strike" and a retaliation.

"The allegations that the Union is going beyond what is sufficient for defence, that it is for superiority in armaments, the aim of delivering the first strike are absurd and totally unfounded," Brezhnev said. "Our strategy is directed precisely at avoiding the first strike or the second, and at avoiding nuclear war."

## Toon presents credentials in Moscow

MOSCOW. — U.S. Ambassador Michael Toon presented his credentials yesterday, calling for creativity and determination to improve Soviet-American relations. Toon formally handed his credentials to President Nikolai Podgorny in a Kremlin ceremony.

Toon said the two governments had "taken important steps to a more stable relationship" in the last few years.

Toon, formerly ambassador in Israel, replaces Walter J. G. Jr., now envoy to West Germany. (UPI)

## Bonn counters KGB efforts to get defecting Phantom

BONN. — West German military intelligence experts believe Soviet KGB agents are trying to persuade German Luftwaffe pilots to defect to the East in a bid to obtain U.S.-built Phantom fighters for examination. Defence Ministry spokesman said on Monday.

Moscow would "pay millions" to get hold of a complete Phantom jet of the kind flown by the Luftwaffe, spokesman Armin Halle told reporters.

He said this was the reason why West Germany's military counterintelligence service, known as Militärischer Abschirmdienst, or Mad, has increased surveillance of Luftwaffe pilots it believes to be "particularly en-

dangered." Halle was commenting on reports that Mad surveillance agents, persecuted a German pilot, mostly because he had refused to divulge any critical information to the Luftwaffe.

The reports alleged that Klaus Lange, who died in a Phantom fighter crashed in 1967, was placed under surveillance after he became a vocal spokesman for a group of pilots who called for special treatment.

Mad has "better things" than other than social life, Halle said, insisting that the surveillance activities are a response to KGB efforts to get pilots to defect with their

## 'Lifer' gets leave for Carter inauguration

ATLANTA. — The state board of pardons and parole has granted a 34 day out-of-state leave to a woman serving a life sentence for murder so that she can attend President-elect Carter's inauguration.

Mary Fitzpatrick, 32, was a nurse to Carter's daughter, Amy, for four years while she was a prison trustee.

and Carter was governor of Georgia. Mrs. Fitzpatrick, sent to prison in 1970 murder conviction, was also a model prisoner, by Mr. Regner, director of the women's work release center. Regner said, noting that Fitzpatrick is due for parole in April. (AP)

## Kirov's leading dancer shot dead

MOSCOW. — Yuri Soloviyov, leading dancer of the Kirov Ballet in Leningrad, was found dead over the weekend with a gun nearby and a bullet in the head, according to reports circulating in Leningrad.

The death of the 36-year-old

dancer was reported yesterday by the Soviet news agency Tass and cause of death were not known.

Other reports said Soloviyov was found by another member of the Kirov company in the Dacha outside Leningrad.

## Benin businessmen arrested

LAGOS, Nigeria. — Nigerian traders crossing from neighbouring Benin said yesterday that prominent businessmen have been arrested in the small West-African republic following Sunday's attempted invasion by alleged foreign mercenaries.

The traders, many of whom are still trapped in the one-time French colony formerly called Dahomey, also reported seeing several bodies

lying in and around Cotonou after the attempted coup by the Marxist-Leninist government. The country is still under a state of emergency.

Nigeria has reinforced its border town of Idiroko with troops in the area. Guinea's Sekou Toure said he has forces at Kerekou's disposal in putting the disturbance

## Slight drop in number of Jews

WASHINGTON. — The world Jewish population has declined by some 86,000 to about 14,145,000 since last year, according to the American Jewish Committee.

In releasing the 1971 edition of the American Jewish Yearbook, the committee noted that the U.S. continues to have the largest Jewish population in the world, with 5,845,000.

They comprise 2.7 per cent of the total American population. After the U.S., countries with the largest Jewish populations are Israel, 2,963,000; the Soviet Union, 2,880,000; France, 350,000; Britain, 310,000; Canada, 280,000; Argentina, 200,000.

In the U.S., Jews comprise 1.5 per cent of the total population.

## Court grants execution delay to U.S. murderer

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday postponed the execution scheduled for today of convicted Texas murderer Jerry Lane Jurek.

The justices told Texas officials to keep Jurek alive until the high court can consider his formal appeal.

In an unusual move, the court ordered that Jurek's attorneys submit the appeal by February 16 and that Texas authorities file a response to it by March 3.

The action delays for at least two months Jurek's death in a Texas electric chair. He was to become the second criminal executed in the U.S. since 1967. Utah murderer Gary Gilmore was shot to death by a prison firing squad on Monday morning.

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, while agreeing with the court's granting of an execution delay, lashed out at his fellow justices for imposing a filing deadline.

"I cannot comprehend, and emphatically dissent from, the court's decision to compel the petitioner to prepare his petition on an expedited basis," Marshall said. "When human life is at stake, such haste is as unbecomingly as it is inappropriate."

Jurek already has had one appeal turned down by the nation's highest court. It was his challenge of Texas' death penalty law along with similar challenges in two other states that the court used last July to rule that capital punishment is not necessarily cruel and unusual.

Jurek, a 22-year-old native of Cuero, Texas, was convicted of the

1973 murder of 10-year-old Adams.

Meanwhile, the show's Gilmore were heard as world, and foreign, said the execution was obscene, grisly, circumspect, civilized.

Gilmore's struggle to die front-page news in many. The end produced bawls and an interruption programmes for the report.

"To the end there was a spectacle around the murderer which was so it almost made the execution less disgusting," said St. "Svenaka Dagbladet."

The laws of humanity and dignity of the nation demand more lives should be taken executions.

ORGANS FOR MEDICINE Within minutes of the firing squad on Monday, the organs of the body were removed for medical use. By night, Gilmore's body had been at a funeral home in Fort Worth.

Family sources said would be spread by the news, where Gilmore's friends, Nicole Barrett, who was confined to hospital.

Gilmore's pituitary gland, kidneys and liver were possible transplant or other

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# Haifa Maccabi loses to Afula in basketball

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

Tenth-place Afula Hapoel surprised fifth-place Haifa Maccabi 74-73 Monday night in Haifa to help add a little interest to the opening round of the second half of the National Basketball League.

In other games Ramat Gan Hapoel had little trouble with visiting Givat Brenner-Na'an Hapoel, winning 100-70; Gvat-Yagur Hapoel blasted Ramat Gan Maccabi 98-74; Tel Aviv Maccabi swamped Jerusalem Hapoel 109-58; and Tel Aviv Elitzur handed South Tel Aviv Maccabi a 74-58 defeat.

In the central game of the first division, Afula Hapoel played inspired basketball in getting revenge for an earlier defeat against Haifa, who this time displayed poor conditioning and lack of ambition. The visitors took advantage of strong offensive rebounding and the fine shooting of Ariel Porat (28 pts) and Yaron Abramovitch (21) to chalk up an important victory and get them away from the shadow of last place.

First-place Tel Aviv Maccabi used their game in Jerusalem against the local Hapoel club as practice for their upcoming European Cup game this Thursday against Maccabi Pils of Belgium at the latter's court. Playing just eight hours before their departure for Europe, the league

leaders got excellent performance from Jim Boatwright (who scored 31 points) and Bob Griffin, who took charge of the Maccabian's fast breaking offense.

Ramat Gan Hapoel led all the way against Givat Brenner-Na'an Hapoel at Yad Eliahu Sports Palace thanks mainly to the strong play of their big men, Steve Kaplan (32 points), Steve Schachter (22), and Ronnie Lavi (14) controlled the backboards in helping the Ramat Gan squad to their ninth victory against two losses.

Also gaining victory number nine was Gvat-Yagur Hapoel, who had to struggle at home against Ramat Gan Maccabi. As has happened so often this year, the Maccabi squad played a strong first half to trail by only two at the intermission, 40-38.

In the second half they simply ran out of steam as the locals piled on the points led by sharpshooter Or Goren, who scored a game-high 31 points.

For the losers Yosef Leja continued his string of fine performances, scoring 33 points and rebounding extremely well.

Tel Aviv Elitzur played a sluggish first half against South Tel Aviv Maccabi before pulling away to an easy 74-58 win. Elitzur's Steve Vithash Little Haim Tel scored 17 points for the winners in a game which was sloppy and full of mistakes by both teams.

## Standings after 11 games

	W-L	PTS
1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	10-1	21
2. Gvat-Yagur Hapoel	9-2	20
3. Ramat Gan Hapoel	9-2	20
4. Tel Aviv Hapoel	8-3	18
5. Haifa Maccabi	8-3	17
6. Tel Aviv Elitzur	8-3	17
7. Givat Brenner-Na'an Hapoel	4-7	16
8. South Tel Aviv Maccabi	3-8	14
9. Ramat Gan Maccabi	3-8	13
10. Afula Hapoel	3-8	13
11. Jerusalem Hapoel	1-10	12

## Pakistan demolishes Aussie cricketers

SYDNEY — Pakistan required only 80 minutes to complete the humiliation of Australia in the third and final cricket test here yesterday and so gain their first ever test victory in Australia.

The Australians were all out without adding to their overnight total of 180 for nine, and this left Pakistan with only 31 runs for victory. They cruised to an eight wicket win with two-and-a-half days to spare.

Pakistan's win, their first over Australia for 20 years, levelled the series at one each, with one match drawn.

All-rounder Imran Khan, the man of the match, fittingly captured the last Australian wicket yesterday with his seventh ball to take six wickets in each innings.

## Back operation for Gerd Mueller

MUNICH — Bayern Munich's prolific goal-scorer Gerd Mueller, one of Europe's finest ever strikers, was told yesterday he must undergo an operation on his back.

Professor Wolfgang Weidenbach who examined 31-year-old Mueller at a Munich clinic told reporters an operation was urgently needed to end six months of pain the footballer has suffered.

"Gerd Mueller had reservations about when the operation should take place," Professor Weidenbach said. "But there is no doubt that it has to be done."

He said the operation would keep Mueller from the soccer pitch for between eight and 10 weeks.

Mueller, who has a record 881 goals for Bayern and West Germany in 13 seasons.

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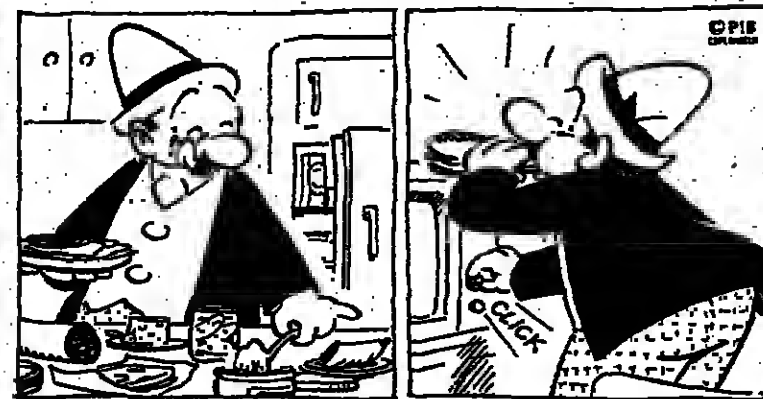
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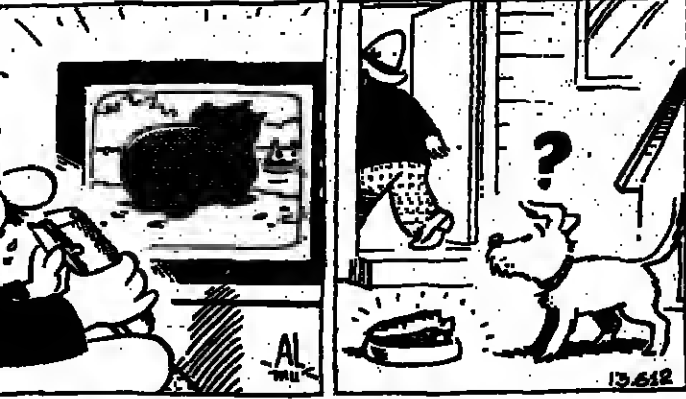
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### AVIV STOCKS

## Natad dollar hits IL10.10

Shares rose yesterday and trading expanded in the equities market. Shares returned to their long-term levels, with the market closing at 10.10. The big question now is how long the market can continue to rise, which has been about 50 percent over the last six months. In the time the market is continuing to rise, both investment and speculative capital are being attracted to the market.

Yahalom share fund launched a Union Bank research. Vastly absorbed, the fund rose by 5 to 5 percent in its first few days.

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### Most active issues

Bank Leumi	289-3.0	IL1,918,000
Hapoel	348-1.0	IL1,362,000
Mitrah	209-1.0	IL1,392,300
Shares traded:	11,319,886	
Variables:	11,319,886	
Bonds:	11,319,886	
Natad:	IL10.10 + 2ag.	
Demand:	\$188,000	
Turnover:	\$289,000	

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The kova tembel stand at a recent Green Week exhibition in Berlin.

## Selling kova tembels to Berliners

By YITZHAR OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TWO SQUARE metres of Berlin will be devoted to the sale of Israel's famous kova tembel at the end of this month at what has been touted as the biggest and most important consumers' food fair in Europe.

Berlin's International Green Week, which is one of the countries to have a national pavilion at the fair, will be represented by 10 exhibitors. The director of the Israeli exhibit, Mattiyahu de Vries, said the fair - January 28 to February 6 - is expected to draw half a million visitors.

What will they see of Israel? Some of its finest liqueurs, wines, juices, fresh fruits and processed foods. Agrexco and the Citrus Marketing Board will each have 40 sq. metre stands inside the 180 sq. metres of the Israeli pavilion, and then there are the other exhibitors: Mrs. Carole Ammon started selling Israeli kova tembel at Green Week when she was still a student in Berlin in 1968. She manages to sell several thousand a year, and her bright colours, red, yellow and orange, add to the appeal of the atmosphere of the Israeli pavilion.

Yakhin Ltd. will try to increase sales of grapefruit segments, which enjoy a good market across the border in Holland and in England, but have not been too well received by the Germans. Yakhin sales manager Menahem E. Halberthal says, though, he is not a great believer in the "tastings," or sampling of wares by those who enter the pavilion. Many visitors will, by the end of the fair, not remember where or what they tasted, he main-

He favours selling goods at a reduced price and in a small package, especially items being introduced. In this way, a day or two even a week after the fair, the consumer, relaxed at home, can taste an Israeli product. If he likes it, he will go out looking for it, Halberthal says.

Yakhin also wants to sell tinned corn, kernels and on the cobb, to the Germans, but they tend to associate corn with ersatz products made from corn or think of it as something something for the animals.

The small family concern of Ashkelon Wines-Carmel Zion Ltd., which has vineyards in the Ashkelon region and in the Ayalon Valley, areas famous since Biblical times for the excellence of their grapes, hopes that its will export to Germany some \$50,000 worth of wines and brandies.

Another exhibitor will be FIT, the Federation of Israeli Canneries Ltd., established in 1948 as the export organization of a number of leading fruit, vegetable and citrus processing factories. It exports consumer goods under the FIT and Jaffa-Star brands and under the private labels of some large-scale customers.

As for the Citrus Marketing Board, it expects to sell Germany a little less than it did last year after bad weather last April and November damaged the shamuti crop. The CMB marketing department head, Ami Xur, said the board will be sending to Germany 3.7m. crates of grapefruit (about the same as last year), some 4m. crates of shamuti (about one million less than last year) and 2m. crates of late Valencia (about the same as last year), plus 30,000 crates, each of lemons and

## IN LAST DAY IN OFFICE

## Ford attacks Carter's economic programmes

WASHINGTON. — In his final economic report to the U.S. Congress, President Gerald Ford warned yesterday that unemployment may still be above 7 per cent at the end of 1977 and President-elect Jimmy Carter's proposed job programmes and tax rebates could make matters worse.

Ford urged the lawmakers to resist the "self-deception" of thinking "we can create costless benefits for our people."

While the report did not mention Carter by name, it criticized the kind of programmes he is proposing to stimulate the economy, especially the \$7b. in tax rebates and the \$2b. to \$4b. for public works projects.

As for spending on public works, it said, "the danger is that the economic impact of new spending programmes will not be felt when it is most needed and will then outlast the need for stimulus."

The criticism of the Carter programmes by the outgoing Ford Administration was not surprising. However, it was not expected that the report would be aimed specifically and almost entirely at those programmes.

Ford, whose last full day in office is today, even mentioned that he opposes plans for comprehensive

national health insurance for Americans, which Carter hopes to achieve during his administration. Ford said such a plan "will only weaken the incentives" that he said are now emerging for lower health costs.

The report, which is annually required by Congress from the President's Council of Economic Advisors, projected overall economic growth in 1977 at very close to what Carter has set as his goals.

It said economic output, as measured by the gross national product, will grow between 5.5 and 6 per cent in 1977. Carter's target is 6 per cent.

Unemployment will be "down to nearly 7 per cent by year's end," Carter's goal is 6.5 per cent by the end of 1977.

It said inflation will be in the 5 to 6 per cent range, which fits with estimates of Carter's advisers.

Ford said he is concerned that the nation seems "unwilling to confront one of our hardest choices" with respect to the economy. "We persist in the belief that we can always tolerate a little larger federal deficit or the creation of a little more money, especially for the sake of programmes which seem to promise clear benefits," he said, adding, "This is a kind of self-deception that we must learn to resist." (AP)

## IL4,500m. for maritime freight charges

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The country's importers and exporters paid a total of IL4,500m. last year for maritime freight charges. The Shippers Council announced yesterday that one third of the sum was paid for bulk cargoes, including fuel, grains and phosphates.

The charges are paid in pounds but calculated in foreign currency, and as a result of local devaluations and fluctuations of currency values, the charges increased by 23 per cent on dollar-calculated routes and by 37 per cent on the north-west European route which is calculated in German marks, in the course of the year.

The council noted that up to 1970, freight charges made up 10 per cent of the costs of materials and products, but since then their relative proportion in the costs have gone up by 15 to 20 per cent. Though this appears to have been a world wide trend, the council has asked the Ministry of Commerce and Transport to charge the Israel Shipping Research Institute with investigating the situation.

## Ophira's water problem solved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ophira, the town near the tip of the Sinai Peninsula, is about to solve its water problems "for the next few years."

Mekorot Water Company's Mordechai Yacobovitz told The Jerusalem Post on Monday that his firm would complete by the end of January the laying of a 100 kilometre pipeline — from A-Tur on the Gulf of Suez to Ophira, at Sharm el-Sheikh.

The IL40m. pipeline took four months to build and will be completed two months ahead of schedule, Yacobovitz said. It will supply 1.2 million cubic metres of water annually.

The water contains 130 mgms. of minerals per litre as compared to the 250-400 mgms. per litre normally found in Negrev water.

In other developments, Mekorot said it found water in an abandoned oil borehole near Kfar Menahem in the Judean Hills. The find can provide 540 cubic metres of water per hour.

The water contains 220 mgms. of minerals per litre. It will be piped to the adjoining Mevo Etar and Beit Nir fields. Both these settlements have been suffering from a chronic water shortage.

## IDB Investment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Trust funds for which the IDE Investment Company acts as trustee showed a more than 70 per cent increase in assets in 1976, from IL1,300m. at the end of 1975 to IL2,300m. at the end of 1976.

Of special note are the Dolev and Shaked funds, opened to the public during 1976. Their assets today total more than IL1,335m.

An important factor in the growth of the funds was the increase in the value of their investments during 1976. In all cases, the appreciation of investments showed a greater rise than did the Cost-of-Living Index. Natad dollar, official dollar exchange rate or the general share index.

## Manufacturers Life

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company is resuming sales in Israel.

Manufacturers Life's first office in Israel in 1935. Growth was interrupted in 1971, when it was decided to curtail any further sales activity, although the Tel Aviv office continued to serve Israelis holding some 12,000 policies with a total face amount of over \$300m.

The 1971 move followed difficulty in moving funds out of Israel to cover head office expenses. Further, there was a need for pension trust type contracts with tax shelters which would have substantially increased head office expenses without hope of transfer. Negotiations with the Israel Government over the past year have led to the announcement of resuming operations.

Manufacturers Life's Israel Branch is located in the Shalom Tower building, Mirreia Ben-Zimra has been its manager since 1966.

## LOTTO

The winning numbers in this week's Lotto draw were 31, 28, 25, 21, 11 and 4. The additional number was 13.

## Australia argues about uranium mining

By PETER DEELEY

SYDNEY. — Australia, which contains one-fifth of the world's known uranium, is in the middle of a fierce dispute over whether or not to mine this vital source of nuclear energy.

Two hundred top scientists have signed a public pronouncement calling for a ban both on the mining and exporting of uranium, claiming it could lead to a "nuclear holocaust" if it gets into the hands of national leaders like Idi Amin of Uganda.

The scientists, who include some of the top men in the country like Charles Birch, Professor of Physics Chemistry at Sydney University, have based their protests on the danger of nuclear wastes, accidents and the possibility of blackmail by terrorists who get hold of uranium — the central ingredient for nuclear bombs.

Excavation of uranium is not present taking place at only one site in the country — Mount Kathleen in Queensland. There, more than \$32m. worth has been dug up in less than three weeks. Secrecy surrounds the destination of this uranium, but trade union sources say it is bound for West Germany and Canada.

On the one hand, the Government has argued that even if Australia

stopped exporting uranium its share of the market would not be sufficient to prevent nuclear weapons supplied by uranium from elsewhere in the world from falling into irresponsible hands.

On the other hand, a recent report has warned that environmentally, socially and from the point of view of responsible government there are immense dangers implicit in the continued excavation of uranium.

Much of the known uranium fields lie under sacred Aboriginal territory in the north of Australia and to dig these up in order to get at the mineral would cause enormous offence to the Aborigines.

The Australian trade unions allowed mining to continue at Mount Kathleen because the contracts for that excavation had already been signed. But when it was realized that shipments of the ore by train laid open railway workers to the risk of contamination, union resistance to the project hardened.

Supporters of the continuation of uranium mining in Australia have hit back with allegations that critics have already cost the country some \$24m. in lost exports.

Sir Phillip Baxter, former Chairman of the Australian Atomic

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## NP figures depress mart

NEW YORK. — U.S. Government figures showing slower-than-expected economic growth in the last quarter of last year pushed the New York Stock Exchange into another decline yesterday. Trading was active.

Visitors to our Central Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks, off 27.43 points in the last session of 1976, was off 0.87 Tel Aviv, Tel. 2252. Losers outnumbered gainers three to two among New York

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## A time for cabinet reform

POLITICS is the art of the possible, it is said. Inspired politics is the art of turning the seemingly impossible into the possible when a changing situation permits.

One of the criticisms levelled against Mr. Rabin's Government was that with 20 ministries it was so inflated that it creaked. The Cabinet itself was aware of this weakness. Thus, at the beginning of its tenure it set up a committee to suggest ideas for streamlining its operations and structure.

The Hausner Committee reported out several recommendations for reducing the number of ministries — forming a Ministry of Social Betterment from the present Ministry of Social Welfare, parts of the Labour Ministry and the National Insurance Institute, and establishing a Ministry of Construction and Population from the Housing Ministry and the rest of the Labour Ministry.

There was nothing radically new about these proposals. Yet they were long overdue, in view of the duplication of function in these various agencies.

Mr. Rabin went on record in their favour. But he gave up with no fight when the proposals ran into the entrenched interests of the cabinet ministers and coalition parties affected.

This was especially disappointing because there were good grounds for a more far-reaching reform than outlined by the Hausner Committee. For there is no administrative justification for not merging the Ministry of Transportation with Communications, Police with Justice, Tourism with Commerce and Industry, Religious Affairs with Interior.

The reason for this proliferation of portfolios is political. "Smart" politics has always dictated that numerous portfolios be available for trading in the coalition haggling that follows elections.

Police has from the start been used to satisfy the Sephardi voices in Mapai; Religious Affairs was created to appease the NRP; Tourism was carved from the Prime Minister's Office for the use of the ILP; and Housing was plucked out of the Labour Ministry when that Mapai stronghold was delivered to Abba Hava.

None of this is the responsibility of Mr. Rabin, of course. What he can be faulted for, however, is sticking to the supposedly pragmatic politics of the past even when it was widely conceded to be lacking in wisdom, and in shrinking from a reform of a system that has manifestly lost its viability.

Last Sunday the Prime Minister finally announced a moderately sweeping reassignment of cabinet posts. This was done under duress, as it were, following the ouster of the three NRP Ministers, and the death of Housing Minister Avraham Ofer. Thus the Justice Minister was given the Ministry of Religious Affairs; the Minister of Labour was entrusted with the Ministry of Social Welfare; the Police Minister took over the Ministry of the Interior; the Minister of Absorption also absorbed the Ministry of Housing.

This reorganization, which will, in any case, last only a few months, is not of the right kind. It entails the joining but not the fusing of Ministries. But it is a step in the right direction. The next step, as Mr. Hausner has suggested, would be to carry out, at long last, the recommendations of the committee which bore his name.

The time is propitious. Mr. Hammer is out; Mr. Baram is said to be resigned to his exclusion from the next cabinet; and Mr. Hausner's party, the ILP, will by no means be the sole, or even the main beneficiary. Mr. Rabin should ponder this opportunity for change. It might turn out to be just the kind of inspired politics some of his erstwhile supporters have been clamouring for.

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## POSTSCRIPTS



A RECENT Swiss economic study shows that aid accidents cost the Gross National Product three times more than Switzerland's entire defence budget.

A valid reason for being envious of Switzerland?

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YOU MUST hand it to the Tel Aviv municipal authorities. They do come up with ideas, even if they're occasionally rather quaint.

Someone up there at the Town Hall must have at last found out that music is supposed to soothe the savage breast. And what breast can be more savage than that of the taxpayer?

So, having announced that it is going to launch a full-scale drive against all tax-evaders, the Municipality has decided to soften the blow by having music piped into the first and third floors of the Town Hall where the Accounts Departments are housed.

Municipal spokesman Amikam Shapira says that the taxpayer will have music wherever he goes, just like the lady in the nursery rhyme with loudspeakers not only at the castle's windows but even in the lifts and on the staircases.

Now they should organize a contest for the most suitable tunes. Maybe not "The best things in life are free," or "I can't give you anything but love, baby." But what about Lisa Minelli's "Money, money money" or Topol's "If I were only Rothschild"?

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GOOD citizenship is sometimes more than its own reward.

Some of our readers may remember last year's case of the "mystery sniper" who fired at passengers on Holon buses. If so, they will be interested to know that the police have now given citations to members of the public who helped them identify the criminal. The help was given in a number of unusual forms.

Dr. Morris Kleinhaus, the psychiatrist who has been in the news on other occasions, was commended for his use of hypnosis to prod the memories of passengers aboard the buses on which the shootings had occurred.

Cartoonist Kariel Gardosh ("Dosh") was cited for the sketches he made on the basis of descriptions furnished by witnesses, which assisted the police in finding the criminal.

Seventeen-year-old Ahuva Georgi, of Kiryat Shalom, was the first person to put the police on the track of a woman firing at a Civil Guard shooting range in Bat Yam and the police in charge of the range, Yehoshua Karmi, also received a citation.

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AN EXAMPLE that might well be emulated was set earlier this month by the Kfar Silver Agricultural and Technical High School near Ashkelon. The several hundred pupils gathered at a special assembly to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the death of the great American Zionist for whom their school is named.

One wonders how many young people living in villages, studying in institutions — or residing in streets — whose names honour "famous men and our fathers that begat us" have any idea of what those people stood for.

Speaking at the ceremony, at which the highlights of Rabbi H. Abba Hillel Silver's career were recalled audio-visually, Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Duxin told the pupils that the full story has yet to be told of Dr. Silver's role in influencing Ben Gurion's decision to declare the establishment of the State of Israel and the part he played in getting the Partition resolution approved by the United Nations in 1947.

THE RECENT VISIT to Britain of Vladimir Bukovsky, a neo-Jew released by the Russian authorities, has thrown into keen relief a basic problem of the campaign for the right of exodus of Soviet Jewry. How far and when could or should this campaign — or, for that matter, those who take part in it — be associated with the basic goal of human freedom in the Soviet Union?

Shortly after the Leningrad Trials (when Bukovsky had shown his consummate courage by crying out on behalf of the beleaguered Jews), we promoted a parliamentary "early day motion" condemning the trials, the sentences and the breaches by the Soviet Union of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As a new MP, I discovered to my delight that the cause of Soviet Jewry was not regarded as a matter for Jewish concern, while by tradition, do not sign such motions — plus those MPs who, through idiosyncrasy, sign no motions whatever — and there were few Members left who refused their support.

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The motion received 333 signatures — more, I believe, than any motion on any subject before or since. Exclude members of the Government of the Day (about 80) and of the Shadow Cabinet (perhaps 25) who, by tradition, do not sign such motions — plus those MPs who, through idiosyncrasy, sign no motions whatever — and there were few Members left who refused their support.

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# The Jews and the dissidents

Why are you not concerned with others? What about the persecution of Christian Churches? What about Sakharov, Vins, Bukovsky, ...?

Sakharov? Colleagues in the Soviet Jewry campaign and I joined in proposing him for the Nobel Prize — and my wife travelled to Oslo for the ceremony.

Vins and Bukovsky and the other non-Jewish prisoners of conscience? Am I not a founder member of the International Commission for Human Rights in the USSR? Do we not all wear several hats — according to the campaign in question? But must we not still keep the campaigns apart — for the benefit of all?

Some Soviet Jewry campaigners (we point out) are known friends of the Soviet Union. Did not one of them, the veteran Welsh MP Dan Jones, receive a commendation from the Soviets for his efforts to press Britain to open its second front in World War II? Are not many of our Members also active in the Anglo-Soviet Parliamentary Group?

True, some of our Members are Soviet haters and baiters. But the battle for Soviet Jewry unites all.

A SUPREME EXAMPLE of this unity appeared during the November

visit of Politburo Member Eduard Shevardnadze. He and his crew sat in the gallery, listening to Conservative complaints that the Government was not taking a sufficiently firm line on compliance with the final Act of the Helsinki Agreement, and even to demand for the exclusion of Russians from the gallery.

The Prime Minister himself countered with a firm rejection of any policy which did not allow discussions with Soviet leaders but also with a reiteration of resolve of his government and himself to continue to promote the cause of freedom for Soviet Jews, short time ago, Mr. Callaghan to Parliament that the bulk of the discussions with Shevardnadze were taken up with the plight of Soviet Jews.

The Soviet Jewish story, then, taken on a symbolic importance which far exceeds even the number of people involved. For the very reason it is becoming increasingly harder to dissociate from the general struggle for rights and liberties in Soviet Russia.

With the efforts (not least Britain's Chief Rabbi) to highlight the needs of Jews who will emigrate; with the "drop out" showing that mere exit visas are enough to promote alienation; and with Soviet attempts to launch its own appointees into the World Congress (and thence into acceptance and respectability) the separation of "let my people go" from "my people live" becomes more difficult.

Every time that Sakharov joins protest demonstrations against persecution of Jews (as he did, again, on the occasion of the above Moscow "Symposium") — every time that a brave Bukovsky emerges into freedom — it becomes more difficult for even our Soviet Jewry campaigners to throw their hats in the air saying: "We are for us — but they are for us and we are for them also ..."

Mr. Janner is founder and chairman of Britain's all-Party Parliamentary Committee for Release of Soviet Jewry.

## READERS' LETTERS

### World Zionist elections

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In contrast to the views of the few attacking the mandate of the Zionist Tribunal for Congress elections, most American Jews join the Israelis in applauding this opportunity to revive the Zionist movement. Rabbi Louis Bernstein's letter (December 30) is proof of the absolute necessity for Zionist elections. It is precisely because Zionist leaders have evolved "less costly systems" for choosing delegates, as Rabbi Bernstein suggests, that Zionist activity has fallen into the hands of a small class of professionals. American Jewry is dismally ignorant of Israeli problems and Zionist activity. Israel must not be reduced in the eyes of American Jewry to a mere philanthropy which will have to compete with the domestic charitable needs of American Jewry. The Israelis must not be degraded in American eyes to simple objects of charity, but that is the meaning of the formula suggested by Rabbi Bernstein.

American Jewry, and indeed, all Jewry must become totally involved in Israel. Only by such involvement will ally be increased and will emulated Israel be assured of the total support of the far-flung Jewish communities. Free democratic elections to the forthcoming Zionist Congress are not a luxury, but rather a necessity. The cost of these elections will be cheap if measured against the results in strengthening Israel and the commitment to it of American Jewry. The decision of the Zionist Tribunal recognized the very real danger that the Zionist movement would fall into the hands of the paid professionals and lose the attachment of the masses of Jewry.

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New York.

### Appeal against evictions

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The undersigned are public figures and others prominent in education who are neither involved in politics nor identified with any political body, but want to improve human relations between the various communities and ethnic groups in Jerusalem.

We hereby appeal to the Ministers in charge of Housing and Religious Affairs, to the Chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem, and to the Mayor of Jerusalem to postpone and prevent the eviction of the few Moslem families who still live in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, in the area which was not included in the Quarter prior to the War of Independence.

These evictions — and the trend towards "restricted" quarters which they reveal — will damage the harmonious relations between communities and religions in Jerusalem, harm Jerusalem's image as a unified city where people can live together and undermine our many achievements in this field in the ten years since the city was united.

We are convinced that, if the request of these few families is granted and a way is found to let them go on living in this area by including them

### DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Dr. Peled and Company are harming Israel's search for a real and lasting peace by their activities. They have been sensationally featured this week in the Dutch media as representing majority Israeli opinion and their hopeful statements emanating from anonymous contacts within the PLO are taken here as gospel truth.

This is understandable, for in Holland as in Israel, people want to believe that the PLO has miraculously had a change of heart, accepts Israel's reality and is to let us live on as a Jewish State, unlike our own, turned to the actual policies PLO, unchanged since its inception. But people of goodwill outside are being fooled into believing this dream has substance.

These dream-world products of Peled and Company provide a disruptive and careful which may lead to peace in the East. They are a danger to Israel's continuing existence. Brielle, Holland. MOSE H.

### Rakah Suggests

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I was astonished to read Rabbi Louis Bernstein's letter of December 30.

How can a Zionist leader write that Jews "can easily identify with Israel through a thousand and one philanthropies and causes"? This is a complete misinterpretation of Zionism as a national renaissance movement.

Rabbi Bernstein writes in his letter that "American Jewry was the exception of the professional Zionists do not view Zionism as a political system." Does he really believe what he said? What is a national movement, fighting for independence and for national survival, if not a political movement? Elections will give Zionists all over the world an opportunity to discuss

### Setting up a Jewish-Arab List of Peace and Democracy

Interview with the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Israel, Meir Vilner, M.K.

QUESTION: The 15th Congress of the Communist Party of Israel decided to initiate the setting up of a list: Front for Peace and Democracy in Israel, which would participate in the forthcoming Knesset elections. Has anything been done in this direction?

ANSWER: Yes, we have made contacts with various factors, which we consider prospective collaborators in such a list.

QUESTION: What is the likely platform of such a list?

ANSWER: The platform of such a list should be based on the following 5 articles:

- \* The first and main article in the platform should be: a just and stable peace, a real peace. This means, the "Front" list will not to change the official Israeli policy, in order to prevent a new war, and will support the convening of the Geneva Conference with the participation of all the involved parties, including the PLO.
- \* The second article: defending democratic freedom against the danger of the right and fascist forces seizing power.
- \* The third article: defending the interests of the workers and popular masses.
- \* The fourth article: struggle against the policy of discrimination against, and oppression of the Arab population in Israel, and for civil and national equality of rights.
- \* The fifth article: struggle to end discrimination against oriental Jewish communities in all spheres.

QUESTION: Will the Front's platform also include ideological topics?

ANSWER: Definitely not. The Front for Peace and Democracy must stand aloof from ideological differences. It can and must comprise Jews and Arabs, Communists, Zionists, the religious, and others who have come out publicly against the occupation, and for peace, as well as for working people's rights.

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